

108TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 450

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 40th anniversary of the day civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives in the struggle to guarantee the right to vote for every citizen of the United States and encouraging all Americans to observe the anniversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing themselves to ensuring equal rights, equal opportunities, and equal justice for all people.

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1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*
3 Whereas Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael
4 Schwerner were civil rights organizers who partici-
5 pated in the Freedom Summer Project organized by

1 the Council of Federated Organizations to register Af-
2 rican Americans in the Deep South to vote;

3 Whereas on June 21, 1964, after leaving the scene of a
4 firebombed church in Longdale, Mississippi, Andrew
5 Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner
6 were murdered by members of the Ku Klux Klan who
7 opposed their efforts to establish equal rights for Afri-
8 can Americans;

9 Whereas June 21, 2004, is the 40th anniversary of the
10 day Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael
11 Schwerner sacrificed their lives in the fight against
12 racial and social injustice while working to guarantee
13 the right to vote for every citizen of the United States;

14 Whereas the deaths of the 3 men brought attention to the
15 struggle to guarantee equal rights for African Ameri-
16 cans which led to the passage of monumental civil
17 rights legislation, including the Civil Rights Act of
18 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965;

19 Whereas the courage and sacrifice of Andrew Goodman,
20 James Chaney, and Michael Schwerner should encour-
21 age all citizens of the United States, and especially
22 young people, to dedicate themselves to the ideals of
23 freedom, justice, and equality; and

24 Whereas citizens throughout the United States will com-
25 memorate the 40th anniversary of the deaths of An-

1 drew Goodman, James Chaney, and Michael
2 Schwerner to honor the contributions they made to
3 the Nation: Now, therefore, be it

4 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
5 *concurring)*, That Congress—

6 (1) recognizes the 40th anniversary of the day
7 civil rights organizers Andrew Goodman, James
8 Chaney, and Michael Schwerner gave their lives; and
9 (2) encourages all Americans to observe the an-
10 niversary of the deaths of the 3 men by committing
11 themselves to the fundamental principles of freedom,
12 equality, and democracy.

Passed the House of Representatives June 21, 2004.

Attest:

Clerk.